#### CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

# Project Staff Report Tax-Exempt Bond Project January 29, 2014 REVISED

Project Number CA-14-805

Project Name Santa Monica RHCP

Site Address: Site 1 Site 2

1855 9th Street 1444 (aka 1450) 14th Street Santa Monica, CA 90404 Santa Monica, CA 90404

Census Tract: 7018.02 7017.02

Site 3

2006 20th Street

Santa Monica, CA 90404

Census Tract: 7018.02

Tax Credit AmountsFederal/AnnualState/TotalRequested:\$297,700\$0Recommended:\$297,700\$0

**Applicant Information** 

Applicant: Los Angeles County Housing Development Corporation

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General Partner(s) or Principal Owner(s): Los Angeles County Housing Dev. Corp.

General Partner Type: Nonprofit

Parent Company(ies): Los Angeles County Housing Dev. Corp.

Developer: Los Angeles County Housing Dev. Corp.

Investor/Consultant: Veloce Partners, Inc.
Management Agent: John Stewart Co.

**Project Information** 

Construction Type: Acquisition & Rehabilitation

Total # Residential Buildings: 3 Total # of Units: 41

No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 40 100.00%

Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%

Federal Subsidy: Tax-Exempt / HUD Section 8 Project Based Vouchers (40 units - 100%)

HCD MHP Funding: No 55-Year Use/Affordability: Yes

Number of Units @ or below 50% of area median income: 25 Number of Units @ or below 60% of area median income: 15

# **Bond Information**

Issuer: Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles

Expected Date of Issuance: April 1, 2014

Credit Enhancement: N/A

# Information

Housing Type: Non-Targeted

Geographic Area: Balance of Los Angeles County

TCAC Project Analyst: Marisol Parks

# **Unit Mix**

29 2-Bedroom Units12 3-Bedroom Units

41 Total Units

	Uni	t Type & Number	2013 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income	2013 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income	Proposed Rent (including utilities)
Site	<u>1</u>				
	4	2 Bedrooms	50%	30%	\$559
	4	2 Bedrooms	60%	60%	\$1,119
	1	3 Bedrooms	50%	30%	\$646
	1	3 Bedrooms	60%	30%	\$646
	1	3 Bedrooms	60%	60%	\$1,292
Site 2	2				
-	11	2 Bedrooms	50%	30%	\$559
	1	2 Bedrooms	60%	60%	\$1,119
	2	3 Bedrooms	50%	30%	\$646
	1	3 Bedrooms	60%	30%	\$646
	3	3 Bedrooms	60%	60%	\$1,292
	1	2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0
Site :	3				
	6	2 Bedrooms	50%	30%	\$559
	2	2 Bedrooms	60%	60%	\$1,119
	1	3 Bedrooms	50%	30%	\$646
	1	3 Bedrooms	60%	30%	\$646
	1	3 Bedrooms	60%	60%	\$1,292

# Project Financing Residential

Estimated Total Project Cost:	\$10,041,062	Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$46
Estimated Residential Project Cost:	\$10,041,062	Per Unit Cost:	\$244,904

# **Construction Financing**

# **Permanent Financing**

Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Citibank- Tax Exempt Bonds	\$4,500,000	Citibank- Tax Exempt Bonds	\$2,545,000
HCD - Assumed/Restructured RHC	CP \$2,186,295	HCD - Assumed/Restructured RHCP	\$2,186,295
HA of the County of LA	\$850,000	HA of the County of LA	\$850,000
Cash Flow from Operations	\$126,563	Cash Flow from Operations	\$126,563
Existing Reserves	\$275,000	Existing Reserves	\$275,000
Value of Land Lease	\$318,044	Value of Land Lease	\$318,044
Deferred Fees & Costs	\$1,289,540	Deferred Fees & Costs	\$436,019
Tax Credit Equity	\$495,620	Tax Credit Equity	\$3,304,141
		TOTAL	\$10,041,062

# **Determination of Credit Amount(s)**

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Requested Eligible Basis (Rehabilitation):	\$2,591,641
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Requested Eligible Basis (Acquisition):	\$5,934,000
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis (Rehabilitation):	\$3,369,133
Applicable Rate:	3.20%
Qualified Basis (Acquisition):	\$5,934,000
Applicable Rate:	3.20%
Maximum Annual Federal Credit, Rehabilitation:	\$107,812
Maximum Annual Federal Credit, Acquisition:	\$189,888
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$297,700
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible B	Basis): \$1,097,680
Investor/Consultant:	Veloce Partners, Inc.
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$1.10989

Per Regulation Section 10322(i)(4)(A), The "as if vacant" land value and the existing improvement value established at application, as well as the eligible basis amount derived from those values, will be used during all subsequent reviews including the placed in service review, for the purpose of determining the final award of Tax Credits.

Per Regulation Section 10327(c)(2)(C), Once established at the initial funded application, the developer fee cannot be increased, but may be decreased, in the event of a modification in basis.

# **Eligible Basis and Basis Limit**

Requested Unadjusted Eligible Basis:	\$8,525,641
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$8,525,641
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$10,965,792
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$17,764,583

# **Adjustments to Basis Limit:**

55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction – 1% for Each 1% of Low-Income Units are Income Targeted between 50% AMI & 36% AMI: 62%

# **Cost Analysis and Line Item Review**

Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found all fees to be within TCAC's underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitations. Annual operating expenses meet the minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations, and the project pro forma shows a positive cash flow from year one. Staff has calculated federal tax credits based on 3.20% of the qualified basis. Applicants are cautioned to consider the expected federal rate when negotiating with investors. TCAC's financial evaluation at project completion will determine the final allocation.

**Special Issues/Other Significant Information:** This project will have HUD Section 8 project-based vouchers covering 100% of the tax credit units through the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles.

#### **Local Reviewing Agency:**

The Local Reviewing Agency has not yet completed a site review of this project. Any negative comments in the LRA report will cause this staff report to be revised to reflect such comments.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Committee make a preliminary reservation of tax credits in the following amount(s) contingent upon standard conditions and any additional conditions imposed by the Committee:

Federal Tax Credits/Annual \$297.700 State Tax Credits/Total \$0

#### **Standard Conditions**

If applicant is receiving tax-exempt bond financing from other than CalHFA, the applicant shall apply for a bond allocation from the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee's next scheduled meeting, if not previously granted an allocation; shall have received an allocation from CDLAC; and, shall issue bonds within time limits specified by CDLAC.

The applicant anticipates financing more than 50% of the project aggregate basis with tax-exempt bond proceeds as calculated by the project tax professional. Therefore, the federal credit reserved for this project will not count against the annual ceiling.

The IRS has advised TCAC that the amount of tax-exempt bonds issued, equivalent to at least 50% of aggregate basis, must remain in place through the first year of the credit period or until eligible basis is finally determined.

TCAC makes the preliminary reservation only for the project specified above in the form presented, and involving the parties referred to in the application. No changes in the development team or the project as presented will be permitted without the express approval of TCAC.

The applicant must pay TCAC a reservation fee calculated in accordance with regulation. Additionally, TCAC requires the project owner to pay a monitoring fee before issuance of tax forms.

As project costs are preliminary estimates only, staff recommends that a reservation be made in the amount of federal credit and state credit shown above on condition that the final project costs be supported by itemized lender approved costs and certified costs after the buildings are placed in service.

All unexpended funds in reserve accounts established for the project must remain with the project to be used for the benefit of the property and/or its residents, except for the portion of any accounts funded with deferred developer fees.

All fees charged to the project must be within TCAC limitations. Fees in excess of these limitations will not be considered when determining the amount of credit when the project is placed-in-service.

The applicant/owner shall be subject to underwriting criteria set forth in Section 10327 of the regulations through the final feasibility analysis performed by TCAC at placed-in-service.

Credit awards are contingent upon applicant's acceptance of any revised total project cost, qualified basis and tax credit amount determined by TCAC in its final feasibility analysis.

**Additional Conditions:** None